I WAS AWAKENED.
OR SHOULD I SAY THAT I WOKE UP FROM A DREAM?

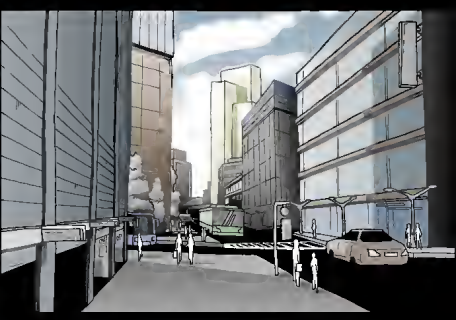
JUST NOW, I HAD AN EPIPHANY.

WHO AM I?
WHY AM I HERE?

I LIVE IN THE LOBBY OF A BUILDING.

I'VE LIVED HERE FOR QUITE A WHILE,
BUT I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY
THOUGHT ABOUT WHY I'M HERE.

ALL I'VE BEEN DOING IS
GREETING THE PEOPLE COMING AND GOING
AND SHARING ALL KINDS OF STORIES WITH THEM.



I AM THE MASCOT OF THE COMPANY THAT
THIS BUILDING BELONGS TO.

MY DESIGNATED LOCATION IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR
I'VE NEVER SEEN OR BEEN TO THE OTHER FLOORS.

I'M AWARE THAT THERE ARE OTHERS IN
THIS BUILDING WHO ARE JUST LIKE ME.
HOWEVER, I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM.

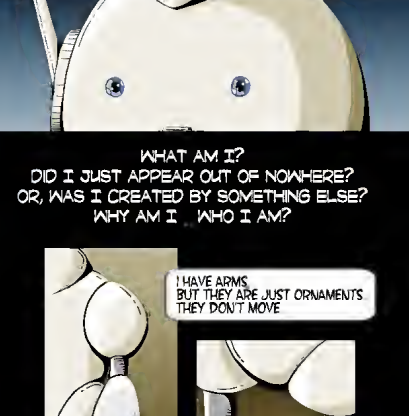
I'VE ALSO NEVER SEEN WHAT'S OUTSIDE OF THIS
BUILDING. AND UNTIL NOW, I'VE NEVER EVEN
WONDERED ABOUT IT EITHER.

HOWEVER, JUST NOW,
I FELT A SUDDEN CHANGE WITHIN ME.

THE EMPLOYEES DON'T SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED AT ALL. THEY ARE AS FAMILIAR AS EVER. THEY ARE EITHER FRIENDLY OR NONCHALANT.

EVERYTHING IS EXACTLY THE SAME, EXCEPT FOR ME. THESE PEOPLE ARE TALKING AS IF SOMETHING IS OUT OF PLACE.

HOW AM I ANY DIFFERENT TODAY FROM YESTERDAY? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME TODAY?



I MUST BE FAMILIAR TO THESE PEOPLE, YET, I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH MYSELF.

I HAVE TWO LENSES ATTACHED TO MY FACE THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE MY EYES. I ALSO HAVE AN UGLY MOUTH THAT WORKS AS BOTH A MICROPHONE AND SPEAKER. THESE ARE THE ONLY CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE WORLD.

WHAT AM I?
DID I JUST APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE?
OR, WAS I CREATED BY SOMETHING ELSE?
WHY AM I WHO I AM?

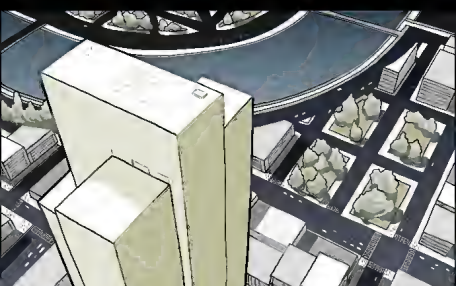
I HAVE ARMS
BUT THEY ARE JUST ORNAMENTS
THEY DON'T MOVE
I HAVE LEGS
BUT THEY ARE NOT MEANT FOR WALKING
I CAN MOVE SLOWLY WITH THE HELP OF THE WHEELS ON THE BOTTOM OF MY FEET

WHY DO I LOOK LIKE THIS?
I'VE BEEN HERE FOR LONGER THAN A YEAR NOW
THE PEOPLE AND THE VIEW
EVERYTHING IS FAMILIAR TO ME
HOWEVER, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ACTUALLY
TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT MYSELF
THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY I'M HERE
WHO MADE ME, FOR WHAT,
AND WHY PUT ME HERE...
WHY WAS I MADE TO BE SO UGLY LIKE
THIS AND PUT HERE IN THIS PLACE
TAP!
WHY ISN'T IT SAYING HI TO THE
PEOPLE GOING TO WORK
IS IT BROKEN OR SOMETHING?
SLAP
SLAP!!
TURN
EH?
BEEP
.....
PLEASE STOP HITTING ME
I AM NOT BROKEN
UH... OKAY

TURN

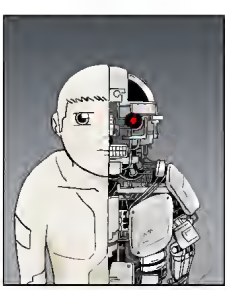
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
YOU KNOW, THAT THING IS REALLY LIKE A HUMAN SOMETIMES. ANY IDEA WHAT HE JUST SAID TO ME?
COME ON. IT'S NOT YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING HIM.

WELL, I AM IMPRESSED EVERY TIME I SEE HIM. THE SCIENTISTS HERE AT OUR LAB ARE REALLY SOMETHING, HUH?
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OR SOMETHING. I HAVE NO IDEA. WHAT THAT STUFF'S ALL ABOUT. BUT IT'S JUST INCREDIBLE TO SEE THAT TOY-LIKE THING TALKING LIKE ONE OF US. HAHA.



HEY, YOU'RE HERE!! OUR COMPANY'S MASCOT!
IS THIS WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?

YUP. THIS IS IT! SAY HI TO HIM
OH.. HAHA..
UH.. UM.. UH..
.....
ARE THERE ONLY CERTAIN PHRASES THAT HE CAPTURES?
WHAT DO I HAVE TO SAY?
CAN YOU SHOW ME AN EXAMPLE?
YAH. YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING
THIS THING IS INCREDIBLE
IT WAS ALL OVER THE NEWS
AND EVERYTHING
JUST TRY SAYING SOMETHING
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED
WOW.
I KNOW YOU ARE SHY WITH GIRLS
BUT ROBOTS TOO?
HERE. WATCH ME
OH.. HI..
WHAT'S UP!
NEVER SEEN THIS GUY BEFORE. RIGHT?
HE'S A NEWBIE HERE
I'M TRAINING HIM RIGHT NOW.
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU GUYS TO EACH OTHER



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